

EASTERN CONNECTICUT IN 1921 HAD \$2,593,585 IN BUILDING

Close to Figure of the Preceding Year—New London County Showed \$1,993,585, Windham County \$600,000—New School, Church, Hospital Ward and Many Dwellings in Norwich Work—New London Added Mercantile Buildings and Residences—Willimantic People Built Homes—Residences Were Also Principal Additions in Putnam, Danielson and Jewett City.

Eastern Connecticut building figures for 1921 approximated closely the total for the year before, standing at \$2,593,585 for 1921 where they were \$2,569,765 in 1920.

Generally throughout this territory there was considerably less done in building work than before, but in Norwich a large increase was shown, large enough to counterbalance the smaller figures in other places. This was accomplished through the large building projects which include a new church, school, Y. M. C. A. building, and hospital ward.

New London county building was at a total of \$1,993,585 in 1921, an increase from \$1,469,705 the year before. Norwich put into this \$1,170,400 where it had shown \$762,925 the preceding year. New London had \$473,185 in 1921 to \$326,940 in 1920, and the rest of the county \$350,000 in 1921.

Windham county fell off in 1921 to a building total of \$600,000, having had \$1,100,000 the year before. Willimantic maintained approximately \$300,000 in each year, but Putnam showed \$100,000 in 1921 as against \$270,000 in 1920, and the rest of the county added \$200,000 to the building figures for the past year.

MORE BUILDING IN NORWICH THAN FOR MANY A YEAR

Not at any time for the past ten years has such an amount of building work been carried on or contracted for in Norwich as in the year 1921.

Fire Marshal Howard L. Stanton issued 173 building permits in the past year which was 11 more than he issued the year before and is more than that he has issued for any time in the past ten years. Over half a million dollars, he estimated, were expended in building work in the city during the year. The total in the city building work to \$783,300. Last year there were only 107 city building permits for a total of \$350,925.

To be added to this building total for the city is the construction of about 40 new dwellings in the town limits, which are not covered under the fire marshal's permits, and a new ward at the Norwich State Hospital for which the appropriation is \$250,000, and additions at the Norwich state tuberculosis sanatorium for which there are appropriations of \$45,000. This brings the grand total for Norwich building to \$1,170,400.

The following gives the work covered by the building permits issued by the fire marshal:

Expenditures in City Building.

Permits	Amount
Mercantile and manu.	\$ 44,600
Church, school, Y. M. C. A.	450,000
New dwellings	308,300
New garages	54,300
New barns	12,000
Alterations and additions	22,000
Totals	\$783,300

Most of the building work of the year was planned and completed for in the second and third quarters as shown by the following statement of permits issued quarterly by the fire marshal:

First Quarter.	Permits	Amount
New frame garages	6	\$ 6,000
New frame houses	1	1,000
New frame sheds and sheds	1	1,000
New stone barn	1	1,000
Alterations (frame)	7	7,000
Totals	16	\$16,000

Second Quarter.	Permits	Amount
New frame garages	12	\$ 12,000
New frame houses	2	2,000
New frame sheds	4	4,000
New frame barns	1	1,000
New frame sheds	2	2,000
New brick garages	1	1,000
Alterations to stores (brick)	1	1,000
Alterations to houses (frame)	12	12,000
Totals	25	\$25,000

Third Quarter.	Permits	Amount
New frame houses	16	\$ 16,000
New frame garages	14	\$ 14,000
New frame sheds	2	2,000
New brick house	1	1,000
New concrete garage	1	1,000
New brick school	1	1,000
New brick and stone church	1	1,000
New brick and frame house	1	1,000
New all tank and sheds	1	1,000
Alterations to dwellings (frame)	5	5,000
Alterations to buildings (frame)	11	11,000
Alterations to buildings (brick)	1	1,000
Totals	56	\$56,000

Fourth Quarter.	Permits	Amount
New frame houses	12	\$ 12,000
New brick house	1	1,000
New frame sheds	3	3,000
New frame garages	9	\$ 9,000
New frame barns	2	2,000
New brick Y. M. C. A.	1	1,000
New frame mercantile	1	1,000
Alterations to garages	2	2,000
Alterations to houses	8	8,000
Totals	40	\$40,000

Total For Year in City.	Permits	Amount
New buildings, frame	121	\$ 121,000
New buildings, brick, stone, cement	9	\$ 9,000
Alterations, frame	46	\$ 46,000
Alterations, brick	3	\$ 3,000
Totals	179	\$179,000

Many New Dwellings Houses.

The past year seems to have been one for building new dwelling houses in the city and town of Norwich, as 44 permits for new dwellings were issued by Fire Marshal Stanton and there has also been considerable building of new dwellings in the town which is outside of the jurisdiction of the fire marshal. Probably from 40 to 50 new dwellings have been erected outside the city limits, sections that have shown activity in this line being at Norwich Town, Thamesville, the upper end of Greenville and Taffville. It is to be noted that the names of those building dwellings indicate they are of the thrifty class of our foreign-born residents who have accumulated capital through the war-time wages of themselves or the members of their families and are putting their money into homes for themselves or for pending purposes.

Altogether more dwelling houses will have been added to Norwich by the building activity of 1921 than for many a year.

As authorized by a town meeting which voted an appropriation of \$200,000, the erection of the new schoolhouse on Elizabeth street to take the place of the old Mt. Pleasant street school, will be the most important addition to the public school buildings of the town in many years. The work is under way and the completion of the building is called for in plenty of time for use at the opening of the next school year. It is a structure planned along the best type for school work, with fifteen classrooms, domestic science and manual training department and a large community hall. The building is to be a

Building Statistics In Norwich

SHOWN FOR 10-YEAR PERIOD

Year	Mercantile and Manufacturing	Institutional	Dwellings	Barns and Garages	Miscellaneous and Repairs	Totals	Amounts
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1912	15	12	22	7	31	87	\$609,965
1913	10	5	36	17	20	88	671,350
1914	11	14	52	25	9	111	512,527
1915	30	5	61	25	21	142	587,600
1916	21	1	18	18	29	86	462,600
1917	5	1	9	27	20	62	104,425
1918	2	6	21	17	50	96	178,750
1919	9	2	22	34	47	112	277,200
1920	7	2	34	38	43	124	762,925
1921	6	4	84	75	49	219	1,170,400

* Garages Only.

There is an estimated valuation of about \$50,000 less. The estimated expenditure for buildings in 1921 was \$473,185, where it was \$258,840 in 1920.

During September, October and November there was a noticeable increase in building activity as September showed six permits for industrial and commercial buildings, four for dwellings, 14 for garages, and nine for repairs and alterations; October five industrial and commercial, seven dwellings, 14 garages, five alterations, and November six industrial and commercial, eleven dwellings, six garages and three alterations.

There are at the present time forty-nine new buildings under construction.

The building record of the year in New London is shown in the following summary:

Permits	Valuation
Industrial and merc.	\$2,184,450.00
Dwelling houses	59,213,000.00
Garages	113,39,450.00
Additions and alterations	81,36,385.00
Totals	\$305,473,185.00

A year ago the total permits numbered 217 for a total estimated valuation of \$528,840. They were divided as follows: Industrial and mercantile, 56, valuation \$1,184,840; dwellings, 41, valuation \$154,200; garages, 73, valuation \$38,375; additions and alterations, 47, valuation \$23,565. Thus it can be seen that the erection of new dwellings and garages increased in 1921, but building fell off in other lines.

Not included in the financial figures under permits issued in 1921, but well worthy of mention as important additions to the city were three structures that were completed and put into use in the past year. These were the fine new bank building of the National Bank of Commerce on State street, the handsome new Methodist church on Broad street and the beautiful new Capitol theater in Bank street.

BUILDING TAKES BIG JUMP IN WILLIMANTIC

Building permits issued by Fire Chief Wade U. Webster who is also building inspector for Willimantic, totaled 35 in 1921, this number being over twice the number issued in 1919.

Fourteen permits have been issued for the building of houses, about half of which are two stories. Besides the fourteen houses, three permits have been issued for bungalows, and permits have been granted for tenement houses and business blocks containing tenements which will bring the housing capacity of the building equal to over thirty families.

The value of the property now in process of completion, completed, or to be worked on as soon as weather conditions permit, will go well over the \$500,000 mark. During the first six months of the year thirty permits were issued, with thirty-five during the last six months. April was the big month with 10 per-

NEW MT. PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL, NORWICH

mits. March and October with eight each were the second largest months. Permits by months are listed as follows:

February—Three story house by Stanislas Stygar on Brook street, store on Main street by Rose Sussman, house of 1-1-2 stories on South street by Mrs. L. M. Weeks. Total, houses 3, garage 1, stores 2.

March—Foundation for five oil tanks and garage on Columbia avenue by George E. Buck, building for storage on Valley street by O. L. Willard, 1-1-2 story, wooden extension to property on Lewiston avenue by Miss C. M. Carwright, bungalow on South Park street by W. H. Lincoln. Total bungalows 1, garages 2, storage building 1, foundation 1, repairs and alterations 2.

April—Extension to building for manufacturing plant of W. K. and W. A. Washburn, Turner street, two story frame house on South Park street by Henry Wolfe, two story frame house on South Park street by Henry Hougher. Total houses 3, manufacturing plant 1, garages 7.

May—Two story frame house on Lewiston avenue by Esther C. Johnson. Total, houses 1, garages 1, alterations 2.

June—Two story brick, asbestos roofing, home of W. B. Knight on extension of Windham street by Quindick-Windham Manufacturing company, business block of two stories on Jackson street by Alfred Oden, three story brick building for stores and tenement on Broad street by Isaac Rosen, alteration and new addition for store and tenement by Kate Grubank on Chapman street. Total houses 1, business block and tenements 4, garages 2.

July—Jordan Buick Company, sales rooms and garage on Main street, one story brick structure for bakery by Polish Baker company, one and one-half story frame building for George W. Norrish on High street, two-story wooden house for Arthur Swanson on Lewiston

C. S. Box Company of the Willimantic Development Company on Milk street.

The above transactions with several smaller ones in the business district reached a total of \$400,000 and hundreds of smaller transactions sent the figure well towards the million mark.

HOME BUILDING INDICATED IN DANIELSON LAST YEAR

As compared with the boom years of the war period, there was a decided slump in building operations in Danielson and throughout the town of Killingly during 1921, yet a canvass of the activities of contractors and builders shows that a considerable amount of home building was done in the borough and in other parts of the town.

The biggest operation in building lines had to do with the remodeling of what years was known as the Danielson Cotton company mill, now owned by the Connecticut Mills company. Alteration and repair of this mill on a general scale was undertaken in 1920, but lapsed over into this year, following the general slump of business during the fall of 1920. This plant is now practically ready for occupancy. It has new floors, has been entirely repainted inside and otherwise put in first class condition—better than at any time in a generation. While it stands idle at the present time it offers the prospect of a fine industry for Danielson as soon as conditions adjust themselves to enlarged manufacturing operations.

One of the fine new residence built in Danielson during 1921 is that of D. E. Jette, Broad street. This is one of the finest homes erected in Danielson in years.

On Franklin street and on Dyer street new dwellings to be erected represent the growth in that part of the borough. There are three new dwellings on Franklin street, a combination business and tenement building on Dyer street.

On North Main street, near Morin avenue, two pretty homes have been erected by Joseph Bousquet of Dyer street and are nearly ready for occupancy. At the corner of North and Mechanic streets a new dwelling is under construction.

LITTLE BUILDING ACTIVITY WAS SHOWN IN PUTNAM

Erection of new buildings in Putnam during 1921 suffered a slump from the feverishly active years of the war period. However, in the business section, two new projects are underway—one a brick automobile sales station and garage at the Robitaille property, corner of School and Peon streets, and a new business block that is to front on Mechanic street, near Buck street, for Wolf and Kaminsky.

Work on the Robitaille structure is well advanced, while only a recent start has been made on the Wolf and Kaminsky building, which, for the present, is to be but one story in height and will provide business places for several firms.

There was no mill construction in this territory during 1921, and this is notable in view of the steady expansion and almost steady building by some manufacturing concerns, notably the Matt-hasset company, during the period of the plant and added to this by constructing a new mill at the village of modern homes.

Few dwellings were erected in Putnam or the immediate surrounding territory during the year that has just closed, al-

though there was some remodeling of homes and other such work.

The high cost of materials that prevailed during the greater part of the past year, high wage scales and general depression in business activity, all pointing to lower building costs, were large factors in delaying various plans for building.

In relation to building activities in Putnam a statement in December by Rev. Charles F. Bedard, pastor of St. Mary's parish, that the parochial school is to be masterfully enlarged during 1922 may point to the fact that the building industry is about to experience another revival and that this will be a year of activity for those locally engaged in the building trades.

MANY NEW RESIDENCES ADDED IN JEWETT CITY

Approximately \$125,000 may be said to have been expended in building work completed or in process in Jewett City during the past year, with the addition of new residence property as the outstanding feature of the year's activities. About 25 new houses, single or double-family or of the bungalow type, are in the list for the year.

The Aspinook Company is building 14 tenements, one double house and four single houses on Main street and four double houses in the rear on Aspinook street. Five of the Main street houses are of the gambrel roof type, with slate roof, seven rooms and bath, steam heat

and fireplace in the living room, which is 14x18. The Aspinook street houses provide eight tenements of six rooms each with bath and electricity. They face Aspinook pond, having a beautiful location. The Aspinook Company has also equipped a hospital in the mill under the care of the corporation nurse, Miss Isabel Moore.

Other new residences in the borough include the following: five-room bungalow for Nos. Richards, six-room bungalow for J. M. Duff, one and a half story house for Rose A. Starnand, one and a half story house for Joseph Connor, four six-room houses for Charles H. Phillips, six-room cottage on North Main street, four-room bungalow and six-room bungalow of East Main street.

Several new garages have been erected, a new bowling alley, 11x24, with cement floor, has been built on Main street for Wilfred La Chapelle, while the Aramony store on North Main street, and several barns, sheds and other small buildings have been included in the work of the year.

NEW BUILDINGS ADDED TO STATE INSTITUTIONS IN NEW LONDON COUNTY

Psychopathic Ward and Tubercular Ward Opened at Norwich State Hospital—Construction Work on New General Ward Started—Superintendent's Cottage Built at Seaside Sanatorium and Nurses' Home to be Erected—Additions Made at Norwich Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Building improvements have been authorized and some of them already accomplished in the past year at three of the state institutions located in New London county—the Norwich state hospital, Norwich Tuberculosis sanatorium, and the Seaside tuberculosis sanatorium located at Crescent Beach, Niantic.

The work has been made possible through appropriations granted by the last legislature, before which the officials of the institutions appeared with their pleas for the money that could be applied to pressing needs in the way of new buildings or improvements.

ANOTHER NEW WARD FOR NORWICH STATE HOSPITAL

Through an appropriation of \$200,000 granted by the general assembly, the Norwich state hospital at Brewster's Neck is to have added to it this year another new ward for 100 patients. Work on this has already been begun. The Norwich state hospital has a capacity, which, under ideal conditions, would accommodate 1,350 patients, but the necessity for caring for the mentally afflicted unfortunate of the state is so pressing that ideals have to be abandoned to actualities, as they do in all institutions, with the result that it is found possible to care for about 1,600 patients at all times at the Norwich hospital.

During the present year, the new psychopathic ward has been opened at hospital, a most valuable addition to the equipment of the institution. It has been declared to be without an equal as to the completeness of its appointments and furnishings for its purposes. It has a capacity for 100 patients and was erected at an approximate cost of \$150,000. Another new building opened during year was the tubercular ward for which there has long been a need. It will accommodate 80 patients and was built at an approximate cost of \$60,000.

Improvements in the old ward buildings have been made by changing the old wooden porches to concrete. Twelve porches have thus been altered.

A new root cellar has been completed and put into use during the year at a cost of about \$15,000. It is of 18,000 bushels capacity, and will provide storage for the crops raised on the hospital farm.

Provision for an unending water supply for the hospital has been made during the year by a contract for water from the Norwich reservoir. Before this the state hospital had to depend on driven wells and its own reservoir, both of which have proved inadequate with the growth of the hospital. A new 12-inch pipe line has been laid down Lawrence Hill avenue and along the Military Highway to the hospital, connecting with the Norwich city water supply. The expense of the work, about \$100,000, was paid for by the state, and the agreement between the state and the city water department is that the city water department will make no charge for the water that is used by the hospital for a term of years, but that after that period the pipe line becomes the property of the city and the hospital will pay for such water as it uses. Securing such a dependable water supply is a most important work of the year.

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